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In re application of :
Kiyoshi TANABE et al. : Docket No. 2000-0973A
Serial No. 09/600,027 : Group Art Unit 1636
Filed September 6, 2000 : Examiner K. Katcheres
A METHOD OF MUTAGENESIS :

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 6, 2001, the time for filing thereto
being extended in accordance with the Notice of Appeal filed May 6, 2002, and the Request for
Continued Examination and Petition for Extension submitted concurrently herewith, please amend
the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification:

Page 1, between lines 1 and 3, insert the following new heading:

Background of the Invention

line 3, replace the heading with the following new heading:

1. Field of the Invention

line 12, replace the heading with the following new heading:

2. Description of the Related Art